GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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OPENING OF CRECHES (SHISHU GREH)
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals have been received from the States particularly Maharashtra for providing better facilities to the children upto the age of five years living below the poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposals have been received from the States particularly Maharashtra by the Union Government to open more creches (Shishu Greha) for the children of five years living below the poverty line;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(e) the total number of crÃ¨ches (Shishu Greha) opened in the country during each of the last three year including current year, State-wise and Union Territory-wise; and

(f) the total amount released and utilized during each of the last three years, State-wise and Union Territory-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a)&(b) The Ministry of Women and Child Development is constantly striving to provide for better nutrition, health care and other basic facilities for children of the country especially those below six years of age. It pursues a regular consultative process with States for such purpose during which various proposals/suggestions from States relating to provision of better facilities for children are received/discussed. However, no such specific proposal has been received.

(c)&(d) The details of new proposals received under the scheme are given in the Statement at Annexure-I.

(e) The list of Shishu Grehas opened in the country during the years 2004-05, 2005-06 is given in the Statement at Annexure-II. During 2006-07 and current year, no new Shishu Greh was opened.

(f) The total amount released during last three years, State-wise and Union Territory-wise is given in the Statement at Annexure-III. Funds released under the scheme are largely spent and unspent amount of previous years are adjusted in the funds due for subsequent release.